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PATRIOTISM.

Father Walsh's Talk to Hibernians Made a Beneficial Impression.

Irish History Is Dovetailed Into the Story of the United States.

Men Can Love the Emerald Isle and Be Loyal Citizens.

EXCELLENT SOCIAL SESSION HELD

Division 1, A. O. H., held another of its splendid social sessions on Tuesday night. These affairs have become so famous for general excellence that when a social session is announced the members of the other three divisions are anxious to meet with Division 1 to see what new attraction is to be offered. The attendance at Tuesday's meeting was large, not only because there was to be a social session, but likewise because the Rev. Father Patrick Walsh, pastor of the Sacred Heart church, was to be there and address them. President John M. Mulloy occupied the chair and only the most necessary routine business was transacted in order that the entire evening might be given to the social session.

When Father Walsh entered the hall every Hibernian arose to his feet in tribute to the minister of God's holy altar. Many of those present were personal friends of Father Walsh. They crowded around him and exchanged greetings. The strangers were introduced to him and in less time than it takes to tell it Father Walsh was a Hibernian as well as "saggy aron."

President Mulloy retired from the chair and William M. Higgins, of the Literary Committee, took charge of affairs. He introduced Father Walsh, who prefaced his remarks by saying that he would not attempt an address, but would talk to them as fellow Hibernians. He kept his word, too. It has seldom been the lot of local Hibernians to listen to such a heart-to-heart talk as Father Walsh made.

He began by telling them that he owed them a debt of gratitude in asking him to be present and he assured all that he was glad to be with them. The speaker then turned his attention to the prospects of the Irish people at home and abroad and told of the era of prosperity that appeared to be dawning for Ireland. There was only one little corner of Ireland where religious prejudice held sway, he said, Ulster, and there the feeling of antipathy was gradually giving way to mutual admiration. The Orangemen had his good qualities as well as the Catholic and the time has almost come when the two will live together in peace and amity.

Father Walsh next spoke of the work of the Gaelic League. The former, he said, was working for the intellectual freedom and independence of the Irish people, while the latter body was working for the political and industrial liberty of Ireland. He paid high tribute to Dr. Douglas Hyde and to the glorious work he was engaged in. Cardinals, Archbishops, Bishops, priests and dissenting ministers, said Father Walsh, were united in support of the work of which Dr. Hyde is the leading spirit.

Then he reviewed the system of national schools where Irish history was not taught. There is no country that has a nobler or grander history than Ireland, said the reverend speaker. Its study is an inspiration as well as a lesson in self-reliance. Briefly, he dwelt upon St. Patrick and his great work, and told how St. Brendan, one of St. Patrick's successors, during his seven years' voyage visited the shores of America and planted a colony there seven centuries before America was discovered by Columbus. Father Walsh told of St. Brendan's return to Ireland and how he and his fellow voyagers in those early days spoke of the Western hemisphere as "the land of promise." History, tradition and the researches of archaeologists have proven that the first white men to visit America were St. Brendan and his followers.

Turning to America, Father Walsh bade the Hibernians be good citizens of the United States. This is the land of our lives, our fortunes and our hopes, said Father Walsh. We will not be less good citizens of the United States if we keep a warm corner for Ireland in our hearts. He drew a beautiful comparison between the love of man for his wife and his mother. Devotion to the wife did not weaken the love for the mother who bore him, neither will love for Ireland weaken any man's devotion to America. He urged all to study political questions and to vote for the best interests of the country.

Father Walsh spoke of the necessity for teaching Irish history in schools and colleges and told of the name Irishmen have made for themselves in American history, eulogizing Montgomery, Sullivan, Benjamin Franklin and the Carrolls. Delicately he traced the lineage of Washington back to Flanders, but in so doing brought out the fact that the celebrated American hero was descended from a branch of the family that left Flanders for Ireland to escape persecution.

More than half the soldiers in the

revolutionary war were natives of Ireland. In the civil war Irish heroes were on both sides. More than 250,000 native Irishmen fought on the Federal side, while twice as many were descended from Irish parents. Father Walsh's address was frequently punctuated with applause and he was given a grand ovation when he concluded.

Former State President Martin Cusick made a congratulatory address, expressing in behalf of the members his thankfulness for the privilege of hearing Father Walsh. Thomas Keenan, Jr., and several others rendered vocal solos. The cigars were passed and an hour or more was spent in social chats. Messrs. John F. Sullivan and Tom Riley were reported ill.

NEW ARCHBISHOP

Received Philosophical and Theological Training in Irish Colleges.

The Right Rev. James H. Blenk, who has been promoted from the episcopacy in Porto Rico to the Archbishopric of New Orleans, feels very kindly toward the Irish and understands them heart and soul. He first saw the light of day in New Orleans fifty years ago and received his early education in that city. Later he was sent to Northern colleges. His mental abilities attracted the attention of many learned doctors of the church and he was sent to France, where he studied philosophy for two years. On leaving France he went to Ireland to study mathematics and science. The Christian spirit of the people so impressed him that he remained in the Emerald Isle for quite awhile and taught in St. Mary's College at Dundalk, in the County Louth. After some time there he went back to Dublin, where he pursued his studies in theology and was ordained.

Soon after his ordination he returned to America and was made director of studies at Jefferson College. This position he held for five years and was then chosen President of that institution. In 1896 he made an extensive tour of France, England and Ireland.

On July 2, 1899, Father Blenk was consecrated Bishop of Porto Rico. At that time he knew not one word of Spanish. Three weeks later he preached a sermon in Spanish from the pulpit of his Cathedral in San Juan. That is the kind of man the new Archbishop is. If he thinks that things are worth doing at all, they should be done quickly. His name did not head the list presented to the Vatican either by the priests or Bishops of the archdiocese of New Orleans, but his promotion is believed to have been brought about through the judgment of Cardinal Satolli.

COUNTY BOARD.

Many Important Matters Discussed at the Well Attended Meeting.

The County Board, A. O. H., held a splendid meeting Friday night. Every division was represented by at least four members and all took an active part in the various matters discussed. Vice President Joseph Dougherty presided over the meeting.

Alderman George J. Butler reported in behalf of the St. Patrick's Day Committee, stating the progress that has been made in arranging a suitable musical programme. John M. Mulloy and Wm. J. Connelly were appointed on a special committee to report the financial condition of the County Board at its next meeting, which will be Sunday, March 4.

Michael Sheehan made a splendid talk on the new home. He showed that he had given the subject much consideration and his remarks met with the approval of his fellow-delegates. The board voted to give up its lease on the present quarters in Hopkins' Theater, and County President Thomas Quinn, Peter Cusick, William J. Connelly, Wm. T. Meehan and Dennis J. Coleman were appointed to secure temporary quarters until the new hall can be purchased.

The delegates were reminded to notify their fellow-members to approach holy communion on March 18. It was decided to hold a joint initiation on March 27 and Joseph P. McGinn promised to have all the paraphernalia in splendid order for that event.

BOOMING MEMBERSHIP.

Mackin Council's new membership contest has all the members hard at work. The goal will not be reached before July 1, but from time to time awards of merit are bestowed upon deserving members. Any member who secures three new members is entitled to a button, while the member who secures ten applications will be awarded a watch chain emblematic of the order.

Y. M. I. JOINT COMMITTEE.

The Joint Committee of the three local Y. M. I. councils met at Satolli headquarters and discussed several problems of interest to the order last Saturday night. No definite action was agreed upon relative to summer outings, the members preferring to wait until after Easter before outlining their plans. John J. Crotty, the new Chairman, presided.

CONDITION CRITICAL.

Dr. J. Halpin O'Reilly Suffers From Severe Attack of Pneumonia.

Dr. J. Halpin O'Reilly, one of Louisville's best known and most learned physicians, is dangerously ill at his home, 427 West St. Catherine street. His wife and children have been constant in their attendance at his bedside for several days past and grave fears for his recovery are entertained. He was stricken ill on Friday of last week, but the disease did not assume a malignant type until Monday. Dr. Frank Corrigan, who is the attending physician, declares that his patient has a fighting chance to recover.

Dr. O'Reilly was born in Louisville fifty years ago and was the youngest of a noted family of physicians. His father, Dr. John O'Reilly, Sr., and his brother, Dr. John O'Reilly, Jr., were well and favorably known in the medical profession in Louisville for years. To young Halpin O'Reilly the study of medicine appeared to be intuitive. He was a thorough scientist in medicine before he was old enough to vote and when he was twenty-one years of age he was placed in charge of the United States Marine Hospital in this city. He retained that place six years and was then placed in charge of the Government hospital in Evansville. A short time later he returned to Louisville and took up the practice made vacant by the deaths of his father and brother. As a physician he has been eminently successful.

Dr. O'Reilly appears to live solely for the practice of his profession. His heart and soul are in his work. Rich and poor look alike to him. He has given his advice and services freely and his charity is unostentatious. Many poor men and women are praying that he will be spared to his family and his calling for many years to come.

TRINITY BOWLERS

Will Try Issues With New Haven Cracks at Tonight's Session.

Trinity Council Bowling Team will leave for New Haven at 5 o'clock this evening to bowl against a crack team from St. Catherine's Council, of New Haven. Edward C. Dawson will be captain of the New Haven bowlers, while Albert F. Martin, President of Trinity, and Grand First Vice President of the Kentucky jurisdiction, will pilot Trinity's team.

The bowlers from Louisville will be Ben Schalk, George Reiling, John J. Barry, Frank Burke, H. A. Veeneman and Capt. Albert F. Martin.

A. G. Schneider, Andrew Kiefer and Fred Gerard will accompany the Trinity bowlers to New Haven and will cheer them on to victory.

Tomorrow morning the bowlers will attend mass at St. Catherine's church. Some of them will spend the day at New Haven and Gethsemane, while others will accompany Capt. Martin to Lebanon.

BOOMING

Catholic Knights of America Hard at Work in Rhode Island.

Under the present administration the Catholic Knights of America is taking on new life in Rhode Island. Applications are coming in from the various branches and the local and State officers are doing all in their power to uphold the order. Branch 53 of Providence has arranged an open meeting for March 14. The State officers will preside and Supreme Vice President Croghan will address those assembled on the benefits that accrue to those who become members of the order. A musical and literary programme will follow.

At Olneyville, in the same State, there were four initiations, one election to membership and thirteen applications at the last meeting.

HAPPY SURPRISE PARTY.

Miss Louise Fackler was the guest of honor at a surprise euche party at the new home of her brother-in-law, Edward Bosler, on Highland avenue, Mardi Gras night. In addition to the card games Masters John and Richard Bosler entertained the guests with funny antics in their bearskin suits. The prizes were won by Misses Weissenberger, Lillie and Louise Fackler, Thomas P. Walsh, Albert Kippes and Thomas McShane. Those present were Misses Susie Angermeier, Dora Beutel, Tola Stoggenberg, Rena Weissenberger, and Messrs. Albert Kippes, Thomas Walsh, Edward Bosler, Herbert Eckert, Fred Schwartzwalder, Thomas McShane, Robert Steinacker and John Frederick. A nice luncheon was served before the festive evening closed and Mrs. Bosler proved to be an exceedingly charming hostess.

BENEDICTINES RETURN.

The Benedictine order, which was driven out of Ireland by the famous penal laws more than 200 years ago, has returned. Its members have established a preparatory school at Ennisecorty, County Wexford. The world wide fame of this order of teachers seems to have assured success from the beginning.

ST. PATRICK.

Patron Saint of Ireland Will Be Fittingly Honored in Louisville.

Religious and Social Celebration Will Be Held On Following Day.

Splendid Musical Programme Will Be Arranged For the Occasion.

IRISH ORATOR WILL BE FEATURE

The County Board is making steady progress in its effort to arrange a programme for St. Patrick's day that will be a credit to the people of the Irish race in Louisville. As has been stated before, the social celebration will take place at Macaulay's Theater on March 18. The religious celebration will be held on the morning of the same day. Every member of the order will be expected to approach holy communion in honor of Ireland's patron saint. The members will not go to communion in a body, but as individuals desirous of honoring St. Patrick.

Of course the Hon. John T. Keating will be the main feature of the evening's entertainment. Mr. Keating is a scholarly and clear headed Irish-American. He is Past National President of the Ancient Order of Hibernians and a Director of the present National Board. He is in every way qualified to make an interesting talk to our people on the celebration of St. Patrick's day.

But the County Board has done more than secure the services of Mr. Keating. It would be a sorry painter who left his picture without a frame. Among the musical artists who will fill out the evening's programme will be James P. Roche, basso; John F. Surmann, violinist; Jos. Hubbuch, tenor; Miss Josephine Hoertz, soprano, and Miss Josephine McGill, accompanist and piano soloist. Besides these there will be other artists and the entire programme will be thoroughly and classically Irish.

St. Patrick's day is the Irishman's day to shine over the whole world. Our people are scattered from Ireland to India, South Africa, Argentina, Australia, the United States and Canada. Many will celebrate the day in songs in the English language, others will use French and Spanish, but what matters what language is used if we hear "The Minstrel Boy," "The Harp That Once Thro' Tara's Hall" or any of more than 100 good Irish airs. From present indications the St. Patrick's day programme will be the best ever offered in Louisville.

The programme for the evening besides the address of Mr. Keating will include the following numbers:

Male quartet—Messrs. Theo. O'Toole, James P. Roche, Joseph Hubbuch and James McGill.

Piano solo—Miss Josephine McGill.

Bass solo—James P. Roche.

Violin solo—John F. Surmann.

Soprano solo—Miss Josephine Hoertz.

The male quartet named above will close the entertainment with a final selection. All of the music, vocal and instrumental, will be strictly high class and Irish in character.

Tickets will be placed on sale next Wednesday at Mulloy's coffee store, 214 West Market street, and at Thomas Keenan's, 1225 West Market, where seats may be reserved without any additional cost. The prices have been fixed at fifty cents for the parquette and first two rows of the dress circle and twenty-five cents for the remainder of the house.

LOUISVILLE LADIES

Are Courteously Received by Captain of Battleship Texas.

Mrs. John J. Flynn, Mrs. James P. Whallen and Mrs. Mary Seabill spent this week in New Orleans. They were piloted over the Crescent City by John J. Flynn, general foreman for the Louisville & Nashville Railroad Company, who has become quite at home in the Louisiana metropolis. The Louisville party visited the battleship Texas and were shown all over this modern war engine by Capt. Bicknell, whose home is in New Albany. When the naval officer found Mrs. Flynn and the ladies were from Louisville nothing was too good for them.

The Louisville visitors enjoyed the carnival festivities very much and expect to arrive home on Monday.

Mr. Flynn's headquarters have been transferred from New Orleans to Mobile.

CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

The Central Committee of the Catholic Knights of America will hold its regular meeting on Friday night. It is probable that Supreme President Gaudin will be heard from at that time and that the date for his visit to Louisville will be announced. Reports from the Uniform Rank will also be read and a number of other important matters will come up for discussion. As a consequence the delegates from the various branches are requested to be present in full force.

CONCORDIA.

Grand Old Catholic Society Will Celebrate Golden Jubilee.

The Concordia Singing Society of Louisville is making preparations to celebrate its golden jubilee or fiftieth anniversary in Louisville next August. The Concordia is the oldest Catholic singing society in the Northern German Saengerbund and its golden jubilee celebration will be something out of the ordinary.

This organization is made up entirely of Catholics. Its members have given their time and voices, to say nothing of their money, toward the promotion of Catholic music. There is not a church in Louisville where one or more members of the Concordia has not lent his voice. While the society is made up of German-Americans, the members realized that "Heaven Is Our Country." So they have sung wherever the occasion called, either at German, Irish or American churches. The Hubbuchs, Muellers, Hodapps, Stengels, Zuerners and others have lifted their voices in praise to the Almighty for fifty years. Some of them sang at St. Patrick's church, others at St. Louis Bertrand's, others still at St. John's. The members of the Concordia are welcome wherever they go. Joseph J. Mueller, the well known East Market street tailor, is the present President. Under his administration the society is making splendid progress numerically and financially as well as from a musical standpoint. The Concordia now numbers 350 and its members belong to nearly every Catholic choir in the city.

While the jubilee festivities are still in embryo, the committee in charge is making satisfactory progress. It is highly probable that every society affiliated with the Saengerbund will send full representations to Louisville to assist at the festivities next August.

REWARDED.

Two Irish-American Firemen Promoted for Faithful Service.

The promotion of Sylvester Doyle to be engineer at the No. 5 engine company is a reward of merit for faithful service. Vesty, as his friends know him best, has been in the Louisville Fire Department during the past thirteen years. After serving in various temporary capacities he was for awhile ladderman at the No. 1 hooks. During the last eight years and six months he has been stoker at the No. 8 engine company. Mr. Doyle is a thorough mechanic as well as fire fighter and his ability has been long noted by his superior officers. He is happily married and is a man after President Roosevelt's heart, since he is the paternal progenitor of six children.

James A. Sexton, the well known ex-ball player, driver of the No. 8 reel, has been promoted to the vacancy caused by the elevation of Vesty Doyle. He intends to give a candy pulling in the near future in honor of his promotion.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES

Interfered With Attendance at the Meeting of Division 4.

Ash Wednesday was responsible for a small attendance at Division 4's meeting. The majority of those who did attend were late on account of attending the evening religious services. In the absence of President Murphy, Vice President Jos. L. Lenihan presided. John Healy and John W. Lyons were reported ill.

William J. Connelly, in behalf of the County Board, reported that the committee was still in search of a proper site for the permanent hall. Several sites have been offered, but as yet no definite conclusion has been reached. Austin Walsh and Joseph L. Lenihan were appointed to represent Division 4 on the new degree team.

Short talks on timely topics were made by Stephen J. McElliot, R. J. Griffin, John J. Barry, Austin Walsh and John Hennessey.

FORTY HOURS DEVOTION.

The Forty Hours devotion will begin at the 10 o'clock mass at the Sacred Heart church tomorrow morning. The ladies of the Altar Society have made special efforts to decorate the altar in an appropriate manner. The exercises will be brought to a close on Tuesday morning.

IRELAND'S PATRON SAINT.

The principal religious service on St. Patrick's day, March 17, will be held at St. Patrick's church at 9 o'clock that morning. The Very Rev. Father Cronin, Vicar General of the diocese, will officiate at the solemn high mass. The Rev. Father William Hogarty, of Lebanon, will preach the sermon. All the local clergy will be present in the sanctuary, as has been the time honored custom.

CAPTAIN RETIRES.

Local Knights of St. John will be interested in learning that Louis Bedinger, for twenty-seven years Captain of St. Edward's Commandery, of Cincinnati, has retired from that office. At the

annual inspection of the company, recently held at Holy Trinity Hall, his years of service were appropriately recognized by his fellow Knights, who presented him with a set of illuminated resolutions. The Rev. Father A. F. Rennebaum, who made the presentation speech, paid high tribute to the ability of the retiring Captain. Capt. Bedinger was deeply moved, and when delivering his response presented his successor, Capt. Lemmick, with his beautiful jeweled sword. Both Capt. Bedinger and Lemmick are members of Cincinnati's mounted police force.

MACKIN COUNCIL

Meetings During Lent Will Not Conflict With Religious Services.

Mackin Council, Y. M. I., maintained its record Tuesday night by having every officer present. The attendance was large and President Ralby occupied the chair. Five applications for membership were received and it was determined to hold another initiation during March, but no date was set. Ben Ausdenmore, Frank Steltenpohl, Joseph Wahl and Frank Brauer were reported seriously ill. The condition of Alfred Bader, who is at Denver, Col., is unimproved. A communication from Barry Council, Lexington, inviting Mackin's degree team to exemplify the new ritual in the Bluegrass Capital, was received with applause. If arrangements can be satisfactorily made the invitation will be accepted. Ben Sand, D. Oliver Patton and Will Daly were appointed on a committee to arrange for the annual outing. The Revision Committee reported progress.

In order to conform with the Lenten devotions in certain churches the council changed the meeting nights from Tuesday to Monday night during Lent. The Gymnasium Committee reported that the pool and billiard tables had been recovered and new balls had been ordered. The receipts of the evening were large and the affairs of the council are as flourishing as usual.

LAUREL WREATHS

Worn by the Kentucky Irish American Bowlers Have Been Freshened.

The Kentucky Irish American bowling team freshened its laurels Tuesday night, when it beat the John C. Lewis team in a sturdily fought contest. More than that, the Kentucky Irish American bowlers rolled up a score of 1,033, the highest single game score achieved by any team in the Falls City League during the present season.

The Kentucky Irish American bowlers have four things to be proud of—they have won first prize from able competitors, they lead four high scores, they lead in pinning and they have the greatest number of "900" games to their credit. As a consequence the members of the team are feeling good.

The "Squire Adams and Loevenharts are still tie for second place. The Loevenharts felt so sure of defeat Tuesday evening that they caused a postponement of the game against the "Squire Adams boys. Every one of the eight teams in the Falls City League is entered in the national tournament and the entrance fees have been posted.

The following is the official standing to date:

	W.	L.	P.C.
Kentucky Irish American	59	19	756
Loevenhart	44	31	587
Squire Adams	44	31	587
John C. Lewis	40	38	513
Berncliffe	37	38	506
J. M. Robinson Norton	33	45	432
West End	28	47	373
Henry L. Kohler	22	56	282

CAUGHT OFF GUARD.

A surprise mask party was tendered Charles S. Smith, 5422 Bank street, on Mardi Gras night. Dancing and card games were the features of the evening. Prizes were awarded to Misses Mattie Lee Beeler, Alice Fryberg, Josephine Uhl, Clara Smith, and Messrs. Charles Phillips, Perry Bidwell, Elliot Golf and Frank Anderson. Refreshments were served after the games were concluded. Among those present were Misses Lena Studor, Josephine Uhl, Alice Craig, Mattie Lee Beeler, Alice Fryberg, Clara Smith, Florence Porter and Nettie Uhl; and Messrs. Elliot Golf, Frank Dillon, Charles Phillips, Perry Bidwell, Charles S. Smith, Messrs. and Mesdames James Dittman and C. William Smith.

ELECTED DIRECTORS.

The annual election of the Board of Directors of the Catholic Woman's Club was held on Monday night. Despite the inclemency of the weather the attendance was large. The following directors were elected:

Mrs. Mary Clark, Mrs. Minnie Bosche, Mrs. Thomas B. Leahy, Mrs. George Hoertz, Sr., Mrs. Kate S. Newman, Mrs. John W. Galvin and Mrs. Charles Sauter.

The election of officers will be held at 3 o'clock Monday afternoon.

TOM RILEY'S ACCIDENT.

Thomas J. Riley, proprietor of the cafe at 1328 West Main street, and a popular member of Division 1, A. O. H., slipped on the icy pavement and sustained a fracture of the left arm. He is resting as comfortably as possible under the circumstances.

CALVARY.

The True Catholic Follows the Savior Throughout His Passion.

Way of the Cross as a Devotional Exercise During Lent.

Mary, the Mother of God, First to Observe the Custom.

DOMINICAN FIRM SAW BENEFIT

One of the practices of devout Catholics during the Lenten period is to individually or collectively recite the prayers of the "Stations" or "Way of the Cross." As a rule during Lent the faithful assemble in their respective churches on Friday evenings to practice this devotion. There are others more devout who individually visit the stations every day during Lent. Others still, who are not even in the religious state, strive for spiritual perfection by reciting the prayers and calling to mind each day the passion and death of our Lord.

What are the stations? Why do Catholics practice this devotion? These are questions frequently asked by those not of our faith. It happens, too, that many of our Catholic men and women, youths and maidens, are unable to answer them. Why? Many of them knew at one time but threw aside their Catechisms when as boys they discarded knee breeches, long trousers, or when as young women they threw aside dolls to wear lengthy gowns. Others there are who knew because they had not the advantage of Catholic schools. Mark you, many of these are good Catholics, but they undoubtedly be better did they understand more about the truths of the religion.

The Way of the Cross is humanity's attempt to follow Christ in his journey from the court of Pilate to his crucifixion and final consignment to the tomb. The Catholic church is poor, indeed, that has not a representation of the "stations" whether they be in common prints, stone, clay, paintings or other devices. There are fourteen of these stations.

The first calls to mind that our Savior was condemned by Pilate to die an ignominious death on the cross. Look at your print, oil painting or statuery and you will see Pilate washing his hands, as if he were rid of the whole matter, while Jesus is led away in bonds. Let any one follow these pictures, whether he be Catholic or non-Catholic if he be at all acquainted with Biblical history he cannot fail to understand the scene depicted.

The second station shows where Christ is made to bear the cross. His first fall under the weight of the cross is depicted in the third station. Led along as a criminal to execution, he meets his mother. This is shown in the fourth station. In station five we find an example of charity that is all too rare in these days. It shows us where Simon, the Cyrenian, helps our Savior to carry his cross. Then Veronica offers her kerchief to our Lord to wipe the sweat and blood from his holy face. In return the imprint of his blessed countenance is left upon the cloth. At the seventh station Jesus falls the second time beneath the weight of the cross, and at the eighth we see him telling the women of Jerusalem: "Weep not for me, but for your children." At station nine we see him fall the third time.

The real agony of the journey to Calvary begins when Jesus is stripped of his garments, as is shown in the tenth station. Modesty personified was the son of God, yet his enemies bared him to the world. Station eleven shows us the crucifixion, and twelve depicts his death. We see him taken down from the cross in thirteen and in fourteen he is consigned to the tomb.

When we see the devotion of mothers to their dead children in our own day, how little shoes and stockings of dead babies are treasured, how the toys of the dear departed little ones are preserved, can we marvel that Mary, the mother of God, was the first to practice the devotion of the "Way of the Cross"? Is it a wonder that she followed that journey from Jerusalem time after time and year after year?

Early Christians followed in the footsteps of the Blessed Virgin in practicing this devotion. The Crusaders also followed in the way of our Divine Redeemer by retracing his footsteps in the Holy City, but it remained for a follower of St. Dominic, the Blessed Alvarez, to originate the devotion of the "Way of the Cross" as it is now practiced by Catholic Alvarez, when he returned from Jerusalem to his convent in Cordova, Spain, built little chapels, in which he represented, station by station, the principal events in our Savior's journey to Calvary. Like many other benefits that world enjoys, the son of St. Dominic not given credit for establishing devotion in Western Christendom was not until the year 1342 that the devotion began to be a regular devotion exercise, and then through the instrumentality of the Franciscan Friars Minor. From the latter the devotion was spread over Christendom and has been practiced more particularly during Lent.